# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | MayaL11_052.jpg |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1001613.012 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Commissioner of Police |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 25 November 2010 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.

The image contains a highly sexualised image that focuses on the lower part of a girl's body. The image is intended for the titillation and arousal of those with a sexual interest in young girls. The availability of such material encourages this sexual interest and perpetuates the belief that children may be used for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of children or young persons.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.